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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, and 28-40 are now pending in this application, claims 9-27 having been cancelled with the above amendment. No new matter has been added. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

**In the specification:**

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 has been amended as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/441,722, filed October 1, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT/JP98/01511 filed April 1, 1998, and claims priority from Japanese Application No. 9/99653 filed April 1, 1997.

**In the claims:**

Claims 9-27 have been cancelled.